Number of flight trials with Trishul, Prithvi & Nag have been undertaken. Agni, the technology demonstration vehicle also developed under this programme, had been successfully launched on 22 May, 1989. Akash will be flight tested shortly.

(b) Based on overall emerging scenario in the field of guided weapons, certain projections for future developments are being formulated. It will not be in the public interest to disclose these.

Revision of Text Books by NCERT

*115. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the NCERT is making massive revision of text books, especially those meant for class 10 and 12;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the NCERT have received complaints regarding factual inaccuracies and inadequate explanations in the new text books; and

(c) if so, which subjects have been included in the revised text books and what are the other details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) to (c) As part of the effort to reorient the content and process of education at the school stage, the National Council of Educational Research and Training, since 1986, has been engaged in curriculum renewal, development of revised syllabi and development of revised textbooks for classes I to XII. The textbooks in Languages, Social Sciences, Science and Mathematis for all stages of school education have been revised by the N.C.E.R.T. Based on the National Curricular framework and the revised syllabi developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training, most of the States and Union Territories have also initiated measures for development of revised syllabi and textbooks for classes I to XII for introduction into the school system in a phased manner.

According to the information furnished by National Council of Educational Research and Training they have received no such complaints.

Reservation of seats for SC/ST in the Indian Institutes of Technology

*119. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that although 15 per cent seats for Scheduled Caste and 7½ per cent seats for Scheduled Tribe students are reserved for admission to Indian Institutes of Technology per year, yet this quota has never been filled up and there have been huge backlog in this regard;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to ensure that all the seats reserved for these categories are filled up by students belonging to the same categories;

(c) whether the I.I.T. Council/ Chairman of the Council had set up a group to go into this problem; and

(d) if so, whether the recommendations of this group have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.. To improve the intake of Schdeuled Caste and